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Special-For Y'all

AMSA Convention

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Annual Convention will be held in Atlanta at the Hyatt Regency from March 1-5. We will be taking a 15-person van for the convention.

Speakers will include: Karen Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of HEW; Donald Kennedy, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Fitzhugh Mullins, Head of the Bureau of Health Manpower. President Carter has also been extended an invitation to address the House.

The costs hopefully will be minimal for anyone who wants to attend. Please get in touch with Sid Gospe, Box 2755, or Jackie Rutledge, Box 2843.

LOAN/SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1975 the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians established a Loan/Scholarship Fund as a Memorial to past Academy leaders. The fund is administered by a Board of Trustees who make the final decision on awarding loans and scholarships. It is the intent that the fund will be self-perpetuating; therefore, in the beginning most of the monies made available to students will be in the form of low interest loans.

Although preference is given to students indicating an expressed interest in pursuing a career in Family Medicine, any student in good standing at any of the North Carolina Medical Schools is eligible for a loan or scholarship. It is our hope that all medical students in North Carolina will be aware that the fund is available to them.

More information and applications available in the Office of Financial Aid, 123 Davison.

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL LOAN PROGRAM

The following message has been received by the Office of Financial Aid from the Head, Scholarship and Loan Branch, N.C. Dept. of Human Resources:

"You will see from the enclosed memorandum that the North Carolina Medical Care Commission has increased loan maximums with the exception of Medicine and Dentistry which were raised in 1974 and 1975 respectively. At the increased loan amounts, renewal students will be awarded a high percentage of available funds. Consequently, new students for 1978-79 will be very limited and funds will be allocated based on financial need. If funding from the General Assembly remains constant, the number of new recipients will be reduced permanently.

We are scheduling a limited number of interviews during February and March for students who have already inquired. We do not plan to open interviews for those who have not already contacted us. The Commission voted to request additional appropriations from the General Assembly to offset the loss of new students for 1978-79; however, it appears at this time to be an unrealistic expectation. It does remain a possibility and should the additional money be granted, we will advise you immediately."

The "enclosed memorandum" describes student eligibility for the various eligible programs and may be seen at: Office of Financial Aid, 123 Davison.

STUDENT-FACULTY SHOW - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

It's time once again to start thinking about the student-faculty show. For the uninitiated, this is the medical school's yearly tribute to latent talent and hostility. There will be an organizational meeting for people who are interested in any aspect of writing or production on Wednesday evening, January 18 at 7:30 pm in the amphitheater. I'm aware that this conflicts unfortunately with the basketball game. So, if for any reason you can't make this meeting and are interested in being involved, call Eric Yoder, 682-4912 or drop a note in my hospital box, 2891 DUMC. Your good ideas will be best received if you can be there to present them personally. There will be another opportunity for you to get involved when we begin casting after spring break.

EVALUATION OF THIRD YEAR COURSES AVAILABLE

Results of student evaluations of 3rd year courses, tutorials, and study tracts are available for study by students planning their 3rd and 4th years, in the Registrar's Office, 1st floor Davison. Questions? See Bob Ziegler, Box 2894 or 684-5138.

OSR AND AAMC

Within the past week, each of you should have received a copy of the OSR (Organization of Student Representatives) Report. The OSR is the student branch of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC).

Until recently, the OSR was not much more than a token organization which had little influence on decisions made by the AAMC. However, the OSR now has direct voting power within the Executive Council of the AAMC, and has been successful in introducing several resolutions before the membership over the past two years. Thus, the OSR has, and utilized, a direct line for input into the organization which serves as the most influential counsel, and Congressional lobbyist for the views of medical colleges throughout the U.S.

As the Duke student representative to the OSR, I urge you to read the OSR report. As quoted in the "Chairperson's Perspective", I am "charged with conveying the concerns and viewpoints of fellow students to the AAMC, and conversely, with transmitting information from AAMC about national issues back to the students." Therefore, I encourage and welcome input from individuals or groups within the medical center and am available to answer questions related to OSR, AAMC, and policy issues to which these groups are addressing themselves.

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INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE NOW AT BOWMAN-GRAY

The Office of Medical Education has been informed that 2 places in the Medicine Internship at Bowman-Gray, Winston Salem, NC, need to be filled immediately. The position will last until July 1978. The time spent there can be negotiated with the Department of Medicine. For further information, contact Dr. Shirley Osterhout.

Information on these programs has been received and is available for review in the Davison Society Office.

Medical University of South Carolina - Radiation Oncology - Charleston, SC
Akron City Hospital - General - Akron, Ohio

contests

Duke University Medical Center announces an essay contest on Historical Aspects of Neurosciences, sponsored by the Irwin A. Brody Fund for the history of neurosciences. The essay award is open to North Carolina undergraduate or graduate students in history, medicine, psychology, dentistry or other health-related sciences. Essays may consist of historical or biographical research or an original paper on some aspect of the history of neurosciences or contemporary medical, legal or social ethics. Manuscripts, not to exceed 5,000 words must be submitted by March 1, 1978.

